Thomas Stabbed James John-

son in the Groin

The Jury Render a Verdict of Guilty of Manaiaughter on the Counts in

FOUND GUILTY OF THE CRIME

the Information,

The defense in the Peter Thomas murder trial put in its side of the case in the circuit court yesterday. Many of the old veterans from the Soldiers' home were present and appeared to take considerable interest in the progress of the trial. Peter Thomas took the stand in his own behalf and gave his version of the affray. He said that after the fight began he was no match for Johnson, who threw nim to the floor and kicked him severely about the face, head, sides and stomach. He called for somebody to take Johnson off, but although there were several near no one volunteered to do so until Sargeant Chatfield came in and separated them. He was willing to quit at that time, but Johnson made another rush for him. He warned him to keep back, but it had no effect. He drew his knife, more to scare than to hurt Johnson. He hardly knew himself when the blow was struck. Whatever he did was in self-defense. Adjutant Shank testified to the good behavior of Thomas as an inmate of the home and to the ugly, quarrelsome disposition of Johnson. Mrs. Johnson, the murdered man's wife, swore that her husband was addicted to strong drink and that when he was "in his cups" he was con-trary and hot headed, and always persisted in having me own way. She was afraid of him and thought it strange that he had not done someone harm while on one of his frequent sprees.

Found flim Gulity. James Maloney and Charles Watt were two counts in the information, one charging murder and the other manslaughter. The story of the fatal fight was reviewed from start to finish. The prosecution presented a strong case, but before the jury retired the belief was generally entertained that Thomas would be acquitted. Judge Adsit charged the jury in an impartial manner and it retired, remaining out one hour. When it returned it rendered a verdict of guilty of man-siaughter. Thomas will probably be sentenced today. It is predicted that because of the respondent's extreme age, 72 years, leniency will be shown by

Briefly, the crime for which Thomas will serve time, was committed at the Soldier's home March 4, shortly after do'clock in the evening. He became involved in a quarrel over politics with James Johnson, aged 75 years, with the result that he stabbed Johnson in the groin with a knife, severing the femoral artery.

HE WAS MADLY JEALOUS Facts Adduced in the Wilson Divorce Case Yesterday.

Marie Wilson was granted a divorce from her husband, Sherman C. Wilson, by Judge Grove in the circuit court truelty. She charged in her complaint that her husband was of a jealous, bad tempered disposition. That he compelled her to live as a recluse, denying her the privilege of enjoying the company of her lady friends and questioning her every action. That when on the street with him and she spoke to her gentlemen acquaintances, he upbraided her severely and ques-tioned her motives in so doing, and acsused her of conspiring to meet them clandestinely. He sought to poison ber mind against her parents, and paricularly against her younger sister. The complainant represented that she had always been accustomed to affec-lionate treatment at home, and could not stand it to be abused. Consequently when the defendant swore and used vile language about the house she was greatly shocked. The defendant filed in answer denying the allegations made in the bill, to which the complainant filed a replication containing assertions to the effect that he purposely an-moved and harrassed her in various

HE WAS UNFAITHFUL

Mary E. Rice Secures a Divorce From the

Doctor. Mary E. Rice was granted a divorce from her husband, Dr. John J. Rice, by Judge Adsit in the circuit court resterday. The bill filed by the com-plainant charged the defendant with andue intimacy with one of his female patients. He filed an answer charging his wife with meeting one Leonard surjeptitiously. She denied the charge in a replication. The evidence in the case, taken by Circuit Court Commissioner Hughes, proved the defendant guilty of extreme cruelty and adultery, upon which grounds the divorce was granted. The complainant is also given possession of the household furniture.

DID SHE TAKE THE DIAMOND.

8. C. Day of No. 57 Monroe Street Says Pelton Did Not Have One.

Jessie Bryant, charged with stealing a diamond pin valued at \$100 from Charles Pelton, while she was sitting on Charles Peiton, while she was sitting on his lap in the green-room at Smith's opera house, was in police court yesterday for further hearing. Additional testimony was introduced and an adjournment taken until April 6. A motion will be made to discharge the respondent by her attorney. J. E. Day of No. 57 Monroe street, testified that he saw Peiton in the bar-room prior to his going into the green room. He looked at him closely but did not see a bin on his tie.

pin on his tie. PRISON FOR THE "QUEERS."

Two Counterfeiters Sentenced in Judge

Severens' Court. James Austin of Harrietta, Wexford sounty, who was convicted in the United States court of making molds for United States coins, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Severens to three years' imprisonment at hard labor in the Detroit house of correction, and to

pay a fine of \$100.

Joseph Orser of the same place, was convicted of uttering counterfest coins and received the same sentence as Austin, with whom he was associated. Edward DeFleur, associated with the same gang, pleaded guilty and was re-manded to jail for sentence.

Police Court Report.

During the month of March the following cases were disposed of in police court: Appealed, 1; committee, 37; tor. commitment sened, 1; discharged, 13; Estate of James M. Strong, minor; dismissed, 6; filed bonds to keep the guardian's first account allowed.

PRISON IS HIS LOT peace, 1; fine remitted, costs paid, 3; noile pros'd, 5; noile pros'd, 5; noile pros'd, 5; sentence suspended, 15; sentence 35; sentence suspended, 15; sentence suspended, costs paid, 19; to state re-form school till 17 years of age, 3. Sixty-four were cases of intoxication 18 had disorderly conduct added, 7 were for assault and battery, 7 for breach of the peach and 12 for simple larceny. The others were for various offenses. The report also shows that 98 of the cases were city cases and 48 state cases; 137 were males, 142 were white, 99 were single, 120 resided in the city, and 5 could neither read nor write. The fines paid aggregated \$115 and the costs \$123.98, making a total collection of \$238.98.

TROUBLE IN AFRICA.

The Police Several Times Called to Suppress Fights.

Three times yesterday afternoon the police were called to the corner of Oakes and Calder streets to quiet disturbances which occurred among drunken women and men of the col ored persuasion. At 2:30 the police stopped one brawl. At 4:10 they were called again. A negro, whose name is unknown, made things lively by flour-ishing a revolver and threatening to shoot. At 6 o'clock the patrol went sgain. Each time those causing the trouble managed to disappear.

Ed Was Whipping His Wife.

loud barkings of a dog attracted a crowd and a squad of police to Ed Button's room on the second floor at No. 22 Pearl street about 12 o'clock last night. Investigation disclosed that Ed was simply giving his wife her semi-annual drubbing. Residents of the block were surprised that such a thing should cause so much excitement. No arrests were made.

Failed to Report a Verdict.

The trial of Henry Brock, the Stocking street saloonist, was on in the supenor court yesterday, and occupied the entire day. He was arrested for selling liquors to minors. At the time the booze was sold the boys, three in num-ber, were under the age of 17, but within the past few weeks all have suddenly reached their majority. The jury went out about 5:30 and at a late hour had not returned.

Johnnie, Put Up Your Gun.

Captain Johnson gives notice that in the future all boys caught shooting Flobert rifles inside the city limits will be arrested and punished. In the past boys have escaped with a scolding, but in the future the full extent of the law will be applied. Several persons have narrowly es caped being seriously hurt within the past week in consequence of the careless use of the guns.

Notes From the Courts.

Ed Boyland was in police court yeserday for further examination on the charge of keeping his saloon open Sunday. Some evidence was taken and the case adjourned till April 9.

John Burns, Emil Marty, Charles Manni and Lawrence Butterworth were admitted to citizenship in the circuit court by Judge Adsit.

Fined for Assault and Battery.

Ida Bierely was arraigned in police court yesterday for assault and battery. She was arrested on complaint of Peter daughter, Mary. Ida is the wife of the complainant's nephew. She explained the trouble. It did not appear serious and sentence was suspended on payment of costs.

Sentenced to the Jail.

William O'Brien, an old resident of Walker township, was sentenced to the county jail for ten days yesterday by Justice Hydorn, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Thus the number of democratic voters are being reduced one by one.

LAW AND LAWYERS.

United States Court.

JUDGE SEVERENS. The United States vs. Joseph Osser, indictment for making molds; tried and convicted. Sentenced to be im-prisoned for three years at Detroit house of correction at hard labor, and to pay a fine of \$100. The United States vs. James Austin,

indictment for uttering counterfeit coin; same sentence as above. The United States vs. Edward J. La

Flure, indictment for making molds; arraigned and pleaded guilty. Sentence deferred. John Vander Laan and Martin Van Heukelum admitted to citizenship.

Circuit Court-Part I.

JUDGE GROVE. People vs. Peter Thomas, murder; verdict, guilty of manslaughter.

James R. Hammond vs. William Mc-Cordan, et al., chancery; order that complainant file bond of \$500 to indemnify McCordan against any damage resulting from loss of use of premises.
Frank Strong vs. Jacob F. Kusterer,
replevin; continued over term on application of plaintiff.

John Burns, Emil Martz, Charles Mann; and Lawrence Butterworth admitted to citizenship.

Circuit Court-Part II.

JUDGE GROVE. Marie Wilson vs. Sherman C. Wilson, chancery; decree for complainant. Mahala Barnes vs. David Munro, et al., chancery; decree for complainant. Uriah Barnes vs. David Munro, et al.,

chancery; decree for complainant. Grand Rapids Savings Bank vs. Bertha Ely, et al., ejectment; judgment for defendant for costs. John Taylor vs. Polly Harrison, et

al., chancery; decree for defendants.

Superior Court. PEDGE BURLINGAME. People vs. Henry Brock, selling houer to minors. Jury out at 12 o'clock.

Probate Court.

JUDGE PERSINS. Estate of Erastus King, deceased; petition for administration filed, hear-

ing April 29. Estate of William Quinn, deceased will admitted to probate and the Michigan trust company appointed executor.
Estate of Jurina J. Van Leeuwen,
deceased; will admitted to probate and William H. Van Leeuwen appointed

Estate of Frank Rischow, deceased; Louis Rischow appointed administrafor.

Estate of Joseph H. Marshall, de-ceased; Estelle Marshall appointed adninistratrix.

Estate of George S. Stevens, deceased

FLAW IN THE LAW

A Remarkable Defect in the Criminal Code

UNCOVERED IN POLICE COURT

A Twelve-Year-Old Criminal Enjoys Practical Immunity of Punishment Under the Existing Statutes.

In the case of Arie Van Helden, the 12-year-old boy held for examination in the superior court by Judge Haggerty in the police court, on the charge of arson, a point was raised by Attorney McCarthy which disclosed an alleged defect in the criminal law. The way it stands now a boy of 12 or over cannot be sent to Lausing or Coldwater and, according to the statute, is too young to be imprisoned at Ionia, Jack-son or Marquette. This arranges it so that a boy aged 12 can commit any serious crime, such as larceny, robbery, arson, and even murder, without there being any lawful way of punishing him. Judge Haggerty and the prose-cuting attorney agreed with McCarthy that the point was well taken, but the court said he would prefer to have a The screams of a woman and the He thought, rather than give the boy his liberty, it would be better to hold the charge over him and give him a good scare. The point is considered by lawyers to be of vital importance and freely say that it will be necessary for the supreme court to sustain it, as there is no way in which it can be construed otherwise.

Another Prize Problem.

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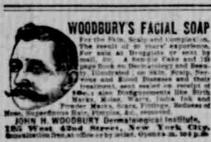
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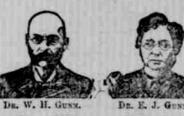


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